(c) whether the opinions of the ex-presidents of each taluk board will be taken into consideration in forming the above divisions and, if so, to what extent?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Information has been called for.

Improvements to the causeway across the Pennar.

*843 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the causeway across the Pennar at Chennur in the Cuddapah district is in a very bad condition;

(*b*) whether at the Chennur end it is so low that every time when freshes are received deposits of silt form over it for a long distance and make it absolutely unfit for use almost all the time;

(*c*) whether the middle portion of the causeway is always full of very deep inundated ruts;

(*d*) whether the Government will consider the question of building a bridge across the Pennar at this spot; and

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) should be in the negative, whether they will take immediate steps to raise the Chennur end of the causeway as also to use better methods and material for constructing the damaged portion in the middle?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A copy of the President's report [a], dated 18th November 1928, is placed on the table.

(*d*) & (*e*) The question of improving the causeway in accordance with the suggestions of the Superintending Engineer is under the consideration of the district board. The question of constructing a bridge at the place is for the district board to consider in the first instance.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government what the suggestions of the Superintending Engineer are in regard to this matter?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I am afraid I cannot give this information at present because I do not possess it."

Contributions by local bodies to institutions as the university.

*844 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have permitted any local body or local bodies to contribute money to any separate institutions such as a university?

A.—The question, it is understood, refers to contributions by local bodies to the Andhra University. The attention of Government has recently been drawn to a printed circular purporting to have been issued by the President, District Board, Guntur, the Chairmen of the Guntur and Bezwada Municipal Councils and others promising donations aggregating Rs. 15 lakhs to the Andhra University conditionally upon Bezwada being declared

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 527 infra.

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the University headquarters. The sanction of Government has only been given so far to the following contributions apart from some small contributions towards extension lectures organized by the University :—

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Guntur District Board	... ...	1 lakh,
Old Kistna District Board	... ...	3 lakhs,

while the actual payments hitherto made by each of these bodies are Rs. 40,000 and Rs. 50,000 respectively.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether the hon. the Minister would allow local bodies to make contributions to the universities?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I already said to the local bodies concerned who applied for this permission that unless they are in a position to say that they are rendering the necessary services that they have to under the Act for the benefit of the locality, the Government consider that it would not be possible for them to give sanction for such large amounts being given as donations to the university."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Number of temples in Kurnool district for which schemes have been framed by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

*845 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to get the information and state—

(a) the number of temples in the district of Kurnool for which schemes have been framed by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board during the period 30th June 1927 to 30th June 1928 with the names of those temples; and

(b) the number of temples which have been declared excepted temples in the Kurnool district during that period with the names of those temples?

A.—(a) One—Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Peravali, Pattikonda taluk.

(b) Two—Sri Kanyakaparameswari temple, Biyyam bazaar, Kurnool town, and Sri Kanyakaparameswari temple, Minchin bazaar, Kurnool town.

Alleged demand for contribution from Medam Venkayya Garu, Kurnool, for the Sri Kanyakaparameswari temple in Minchin bazaar.

*846 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has demanded contribution under section 3 of Act II of 1927 from Medam Venkayya Garu of Kurnool for an alleged temple of Sri Kanyakaparameswari in the Minchin bazaar;

(b) whether the Government have instituted any inquiry as to the contents of the alleged temple and their ownership;